



## Long Term Care Coordinating Council

September 22, 2010, 10:00 am

Rm. 313 State House

### Minutes

#### **Present:**

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Robert Merkle  
Rick Baccus  
Rebecca Martish  
Bonnie Larson  
Deanna Casey  
Cynthia Conant-Arp  
Jim Nyberg  
Maria O'Loughlin Jenkins  
Dawn Wardyga  
Ellen Mauro  
Kathleen Kelly  
Kathleen Heren  
Susan Sweet

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Corinne Russo  
Ray Rusin  
Virginia Burke  
Maria Barros  
Maureen Maigret  
Bonnie Sekeris  
Angelo Rotella  
Holly Garvey  
Craig Stenning  
Mary B.  
Paula Parker  
Cristiana O.  
J. Anderson

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#### **1. Call to Order**

Lt. Governor calls to order 10:10

#### **2. Approval of Minutes – correction on p. 6**

Unanimously approved as amended.

### **3. Report of Nursing Home Deficiencies Monitoring, Ray Rusin, Department of Health**

- See report from Ray Rusin – distributed at the meeting.
- Woodland in North Smithfield has submitted a closure plan – approx. 30 days to closure. (40 licensed beds) All residents will be transitioned to other settings. The Alliance for Better Long Term Care is involved with planning for transition on behalf of residents and families.
- Council members discussed Pawtuxet Village finding – including oversight of their quality measures to oversee potential medication errors.
- Discussion of consequences for licensed long term care administrators when there are citations for substandard care. Ray Rusin and others explain that DOH licensing will take action to review the administrator's license and there are also often employment consequences for administrators in these circumstances.
- The Council discusses the number of licensed home care agencies – 59 home nursing care – 13 just home care – 23 certified for Medicare/Medicaid – this will be an area of ongoing discussion.

### **4. Healthy RI Task Force Report – Getting National Health Reform Right for R.I. – Long Term Care Work Group Report – Discussion of role and next steps for the LTCCC**

- Jennifer Wood reports on the work of the Task Force as a whole as well as the specific work of the Long Term Care Work Group. The Work Group recommendations will be taken up for follow up and implementation by a work group of this Council. Those who will be interested in volunteering to work on this sub-committee of the Council should be in touch with Jennifer.

### **5. Invitation to Public Release of the Task Force Report – Thursday, September 23, 10:30 am**

- All Council members were invited to participate in this public

announcement of the Task Force Report.

## **6. Emergency Response planning for populations with Long Term Care needs – “After the Flood” update**

The Lt. Governor presented an overview of the issue and Kathy Heren described the deliberations and process for the work group of the Council that is coordinating with the larger Department of Health process for the state level plan. The Council discusses the differing levels of response – Villa Del Rio is an example – simple protocols to follow particularly for those who are not in organized congregate care. There may be a role for some training and public education around sheltering and evacuation issues for people who are frail.

Director Stenning notes that his department does the ESF (mental health component) for state plan for natural disasters. Short term federal grant for a nine month period to deal with the aftermath of the flood. That may provide some resources for this planning effort. Assisted living, home care, nursing homes, all are the components of this work group.

## **7. New Business**

Director Stenning announces his department’s name change to the Dept of BH, DD and H – pronounced Buddha – Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals – The Council discussed how powerful the moving ceremony that took place to announce this change was. At that ceremony individuals with disabilities addressed the importance of this change for them.

## **8. Public Comment**

## **9. Adjourn**

**Next Meeting October 13, 2010**

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